

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 53(b)
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Atty. Dkt. 2380-57
Date: February 28, 2000

Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

INTERCONNECTION LINK REDUNDANCY IN A MODULAR SWITCH NODE

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☒ An abstract together with
22 pages of specification and claims including
25 numbered claims and also attached is/are
5 sheets of accompanying drawings.
☐ This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

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respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

- ☐ This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):
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- ☐ Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached.
☐ This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This is a continuation of PCT application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--
☐ Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.
☐ Also attached.

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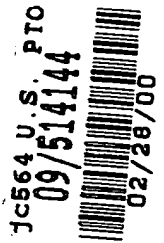
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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
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Re: Application of Claire MARTIN, Hans SLABBINCK, Ingrid Zulma Benoit VAN DE
VOORDE, and Peter Johannes VETTER

**A METHOD TO PERFORM CENTRAL CONTROL, A LINE TERMINATOR AND
AN ELEMENT CONTROLLER REALIZING SUCH A METHOD AND A TREE-
LIKE NETWORK INCLUDING SUCH A LINE TERMINATOR AND AN ELEMENT
CONTROLLER**
Our Ref. Q57933

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 18 sheets of the specification, claims and abstract, 1 sheet of formal drawing, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is the Information Disclosure Statement.

Please see attached preliminary amendment before calculating Government filing fee.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

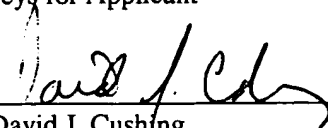
Total claims	9 - 20	=	0	x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	3 - 3	=	0	x	\$78.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee							\$690.00

TOTAL FILING FEE	\$690.00
Recordation of Assignment	\$40.00
TOTAL FEE	\$730.00

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$690.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from March 17, 1999 based on European Application No. 99400656.7. The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,
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